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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to commit to, and provide notice of, tuition levels for students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Truth in Tuition Act
5 of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMITMENT TO AND NOTICE OF TUITION LEVELS.**

7 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 487(a) of the Higher
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(30)(A) The institution will provide to each
2 admitted student considering an undergraduate or
3 graduate program—

4 “(i) a multi-year tuition and fee schedule;
5 or

6 “(ii) a single-year tuition and fee schedule,
7 and nonbinding, multi-year estimate of net
8 costs after all financial aid is awarded, assum-
9 ing constant family and student income, assets,
10 and relevant circumstances.

11 “(B) Multi-year schedules and estimates re-
12 quired by subparagraph (A)—

13 “(i) may include a percentage or dollar in-
14 crease or decrease of any size the institution
15 deems appropriate from one year to the next;
16 and

17 “(ii) shall indicate, on a year-by-year basis,
18 costs for the normal duration of the relevant
19 student’s undergraduate or graduate program.

20 “(C) Institutions that elect a single-year tuition
21 and fee schedule under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall
22 include with each multi-year estimate the average
23 deviation, in percentage terms, between previous
24 year estimates and actual net costs for students at
25 their institution.

1 “(D) The Secretary shall waive the require-
2 ments of subparagraph (A), and of the commitment
3 made thereunder, if the institution demonstrates to
4 the Secretary that the requirements of subparagraph
5 (A) are not practicable because of the occurrence of
6 one or more events causing the institution severe
7 economic distress, dramatic reduction of State or
8 Federal aid, or any other circumstance the Secretary
9 deems valid.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall be effective on the date that is 120
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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